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## Going-to-the-Sun Road Project Fact Sheet (07-02)

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### New Going-To-The-Sun Road Transit System Available in 2007

- Beginning in summer 2007, Glacier National Park will phase in a new free shuttle service along the Going-to-the-Sun (Sun) Road, including a loop to Apgar and Fish Creek.
- Once entrance fees are paid, there is no additional charge to use the shuttle. All park visitors will have unlimited access to the shuttle once they enter the park. A portion of entrance fees will be applied toward operation and upkeep of the bus fleet.
- Between the three Sun Road transit routes, shuttle buses will run between 7 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. every 15 or 30 minutes, depending on location and time of day from July 1 through Labor Day weekend. This preliminary schedule is subject to change.
- A map of the transit routes, visitor services and transit friendly trails is available on the park web site at [www.nps.gov/glac](http://www.nps.gov/glac).
- Twenty-two (22) smaller capacity (12-passenger) *Sprinters* will be used on the narrow, winding alpine roadway between Apgar and Logan Pass. These environmentally friendly, bio-diesel *Sprinters* are manufactured by Dodge / DaimlerChrysler.
- An additional eight (8) larger-capacity (24-passenger) bio-diesel buses will be used on the section between St. Mary and Logan Pass and between Apgar Village and Fish Creek.
- Shuttle buses will be wheel chair friendly and meet audiovisual accessibility requirements.
- Bike racks will be available on the large buses.
- Shuttle buses will have limited space for luggage.
- Details are forthcoming regarding transit services beyond the Sun Road corridor that are provided by Glacier Park, Inc (GPI). For details, call GPI at 406-892-2525.
- The free shuttle service is not intended to replace the popular Sun Road guided interpretive tours provided by Sun Tours (Blackfeet perspectives) and Glacier Park Inc. (red buses). Please call respective concessioners for details about these tour services.  
**Sun Tours: 1-800-786-9220 or 406-226-9220; Glacier Park, Inc: 406-892-2525.**

- A tri-party cooperative agreement is being used between Montana Department of Transportation, Flathead County (Eagle Transit) and the National Park Service (NPS) at Glacier National Park for the shared ownership and operation of the shuttle fleet. This partnership will enable shared use of resources and maximizes fiscal responsibility.
- The NPS' initial priority is to meet the Sun Road rehabilitation requirements. The shuttle fleet will be operated in Flathead County and elsewhere in Montana the rest of the year; further involvement with Blackfeet Transit is being investigated.
- The Apgar Transit Center (ATC) is under construction and will serve as the western hub for the shuttle service beginning in July 2007.
- The ATC will provide self-service, interactive kiosks for trip planning and park orientation materials, parking and rest rooms. These visitor services will be available at the St. Mary Visitor Center in 2008.
- Both the shuttle service and its support infrastructure are intended to meet mitigation goals identified by the Sun Road Citizens Advisory Committee and the NPS in its subsequent Sun Road Rehabilitation Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Both planning efforts identified these priority visitor amenities to help minimize any drop in park visitation during the road project and to provide new visitor services that will help offset negative impacts from traffic delays and congestion during this ongoing work.
- All shuttle buses will be equipped with state-of-the-art communications technology that will provide timely and coordinated information from work zones to park operations, visitors, and gateway communities.
- The Sun Road rehabilitation and the new shuttle service are both featured on Glacier's web site at: **[www.nps.gov/glac](http://www.nps.gov/glac)**

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